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RCBC Newsletter

Welcome To Our Newest Teams

For 2014, we welcome several new teams to the RCBC family. We will have two 11U teams this year — the Nationals will be headed by Coach Ed Rice and the Americas will be under the direction of Coach Joe Zarzano. We are introducing a third 13U team — the Americans, who will be led by Coach Nestor Ojeda, and are also in the process of forming a second 12U team which will be coached by Justin Doyle. Our expanding team base is a testament to the growing interest in our program and the reputation RCBC has in the community. Please join us in welcoming the new coaches, players and families to the program.

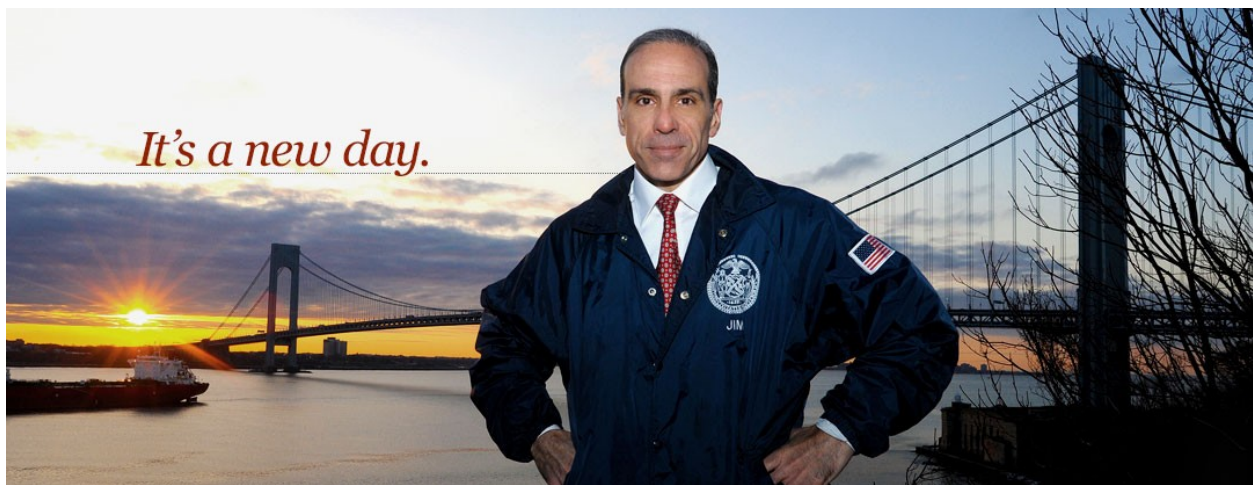
New Grass Infield on Field 4

The latest improvement to the complex features a new grass infield on Field 4. This now gives us 3 fields with full grass infields in addition to our 2 dirt fields. Our all natural fields make the Richmond County Youth Complex an attractive destination for teams looking for games, leagues and tournaments in the traditional style.



Richmond County Baseball Congratulates
Staten Island's New Leadership Team

Jim Oddo
Borough President



Steve Matteo
City Council – District 50



Best wishes for continued success!

RCBC Teams Finish 2013 Strong

Our 9U and 11U squads won their respective divisions in the Diamond Nation dome tournament in December. Coach Salafia's 9U team went 3-1, defeating the previously undefeated Queens Avengers 6-5 in the championship game. Jordan Savinon was named tournament MVP.



In the 11U division, our newest team, coached by Ed Rice, went 5-0 on their championship run. Chris Corchado was named tournament MVP.



Congratulations to both teams for capping off a great year for RCBC.



New Batting Helmet
Standard For 2014



Need new
equipment for
the season?

Dick's Sporting
Goods discount
coupons are
available to all
RCBC members.

Good for all of 2014.

Go to the RCBC
website to print.

Mandatory Batting Helmet Standard For 2014

For 2014, there will be a mandatory batting helmet standard for all RCBC players. ALL batting helmets must be royal blue and display the RC logo.

Players may purchase their own or use their current batting helmet if it conforms to this standard or you may purchase one from RCBC. We will have for sale Rawlings CoolFlo helmets with the RC logo (see images). Players can order these during their team's uniform try-on session.

For those players using their existing helmet, we will provide an RC logo decal for you to apply. Note: helmets with white or gray trim are acceptable as long as the helmet is predominantly royal blue.

In addition to implementing a new uniform profile for 2014, having a standard batting helmet will enhance the professional look of our organization.

Introducing New Uniforms for 2014

RCBC will be sporting a new look this season. In addition to our traditional solid color jerseys, we will be introducing a new camo jersey in royal blue, gray and white. This style reflects both a modern look and our support for our troops and military personnel. For 2014, all teams will wear gray pants only regardless of the color of the jersey. See page 4 for additional apparel options. Wear your RCBC colors proud!



Sample Camo Jersey

Order during your team's uniform try-on session



Richmond County Baseball Club 2014 Apparel Packages



All clothing items manufactured by Russell Athletic
and contain the RCBC name or logo

Player Package (#1) - \$100



- Short Sleeve Batting Practice Jacket
- Hoodie
- Performance Tee Shirt
- Nylon Mesh Shorts



Player Package (#2) - \$85



- Long Sleeve Moisture-Wicking Pullover
- Hoodie
- Performance Tee Shirt
- Nylon Mesh Shorts



Fan Package (#3) - \$60

- Hoodie
- Performance Tee Shirt
- Baseball Cap



Additional Player Baseball Pants

- Adult - \$45
- Youth - \$40

Baseball Hat - \$20



Official RCBC Rawlings Batting Helmet - \$20

Featured Article — Early Season Effort

By Coach Nick Defendis

The new season is around the corner; what kind of effort are you putting in with your team?

For coaches, the process of developing players for the upcoming baseball season can be challenging. The excitement of getting back at it always gets the juices flowing and stirs the emotions of the possibilities ahead. Those excited feelings can quickly fade as the repetition of hitting off a tee in a confined space becomes the day.

As players, you must make sure the effort you put forth in these early days is focused, directed, and purposeful. To simply show up day after day and go through the motions may be okay from a repetition standpoint but an opportunity for real growth may be lost if you don't understand the value of putting in a quality effort.

The mindset on these cold days, when the facility is frigid and the miss-hits cause bee stings, must be solid and focused in order to accomplish real value when you leave for the day. You must feel like you learned something and feel like you can work on those tasks each and every day on your own. The goals and expectations for each player must be set and encouraged.

Work with a purpose. Each day is a building block for getting better. Time is not your enemy, so put your head down and make a quality effort to make each indoor practice a great experience. The focus of a new season should be quality over quantity that will serve you best.

And remember, there are no short-cuts to greatness.

Coach DeFendis

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